

PATENT APPLICATION

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For: COLLISION ENERGY-ABSORBING MATERIAL FOR VEHICLE AND COLLISION ENERGY-ABSORBING STRUCTURE OF VEHICLE USING THE MATERIAL

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

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Sir:

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Applicant encloses herewith a copy of a Communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart application (European Search Report dated February 27, 2008 in European Application No. 03791322.5) citing the listed documents.

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